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The Honorable Kevin Brady  
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The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
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U.S. Senate  
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Dear Chairman Brady and Chairman Hatch:

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed sunset of the individual tax brackets in the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act*.

While I am looking forward to positive economic growth as a result of this momentous opportunity, I remain concerned about hardworking American families potentially seeing an increase in their taxes upon the conclusion of the 2025 tax year. I understand this provision was included in deference to Senate rules, but that is not an argument accepted by the middle-class families in the rural communities of my district.

I believe a solution should be sought out to help give our constituents long-term certainty and allow them to keep more of their hard-earned money. I encourage the conference committee to examine how this was achieved in the House-passed bill and consider potential changes in the final conference report which will let individuals see the same permanent relief many American businesses will experience.

As your conference committee continues to work toward reconciling the differences between the House and Senate passed tax packages, I kindly ask that you and your members give full and fair consideration to my concerns expressed here.

Sincerely,



Rod Blum  
Member of Congress